

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting
December 14, 2010

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

The following Board members were present:

Jeffrey Fargason, ACA, BC-HIS, Chair

Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA, Vice-Chair

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr.

Henry Williams Jr., B.A., BC-HIS

Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D.

Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D., Board Certified – American Board of Otolaryngology

Deborah Brilling, Consumer Member

Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General

Craig Fluck, Examination Analysts (Examination Discussion Only)

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Jeffrey Fargason, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Agenda:

Mr. Bray moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the following meeting date as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

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Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that Mr. Craig Fluck, Examination Analysts would meet with the Board later in the day to discuss the examination requirements and any necessary revisions.

Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Williams seconded and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Examination Discussion:

Mr. Craig Fluck, Examination Analysts, notified the Board of the number of candidates scheduled for today's examination. In addition, he notified the Board that he was in receipt of the examination revisions that were previously submitted to Ms. Inez Lockett. Mr. Fluck stated he would contact the Board in February to discuss scheduling a committee meeting to review the required examination revisions.

Mr. Jackson moved, Ms. Brilling seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, and to receive the Attorney General and Cognizant Report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Fargason, Bray, Jackson, H. Williams, K. Williams, Cote, and Brilling.

Rule Waiver/Variance Petition Request:

After an in-depth discussion and appearance with the Board's sub-committee, Ms. Brilling motioned, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to deny the waiver request due to insufficient hardship proven. Licensee must meet the current requirements to reinstate license. In addition, Board voted to allow Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Director to sign the Order Denying Petition for Waiver in lieu of the chair. None opposed, motion carried.

- Carol Roobin Bashuk Rule 276-14-.03 Reinstatement of License

Ratify List of Newly Licensed Candidates:

Ms. Brilling moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the list of approvals for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

Hearing Aid Training Permit

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HAP000137	Weir, Sandra L.	Hearing Doctors of GA	09-28-10
HAP000138	Bass, David J.	Miracle Ear	10-05-10
HAP000139	Bean, Ryan M.	Miller Calibration Services	10-05-10
HAP000140	Conner, Steve G.	Miracle Ear	10-26-10

Hearing Aid Dispenser

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HADS000863	Walz, Shelley A.	Optimal Hearing 600 House Way Roswell, GA. 30076	09-28-2010
HADS000864	Bean, Ryan M.	Millers Calibration Services 1599 Battlefield Pkwy Fort Oglethorpe, GA. 30742	11-01-2010
HADS000865	Dori, Aster M.	Miracle Ear 8020 Mall Pkwy Lithonia, GA. 30038	11-01-2010

Hearing Aid Dealer

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HADE034949	Costco Wholesale #1083	100 Cobb Pkwy Ringgold, GA. 30736	09-16-10
HADE034950	Costco Wholesale#1084	500 Brookhaven Ave. Atlanta, GA 30319	09-16-10
HADE034951	Sam's Club Hearing Aid Center	1520 Scenic Hwy Snellville, GA 30078	10-12-2011
HADE034952	Sam's Club Hearing Aid Center	150 S. Cobb Pkwy Marietta, GA. 30062	10-12-2011
HADE034953	Sam's Club Hearing Aid Center	596 Bobby Jones Expressway Augusta, GA. 30907	10-27-2011
HADE034954	Sam's Club Hearing Aid Center	2901 A. Clairmont Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329	11-19-2010
HADE034955	Athens Hearing & Balance Clinic	1041 Rosewood Trail Watkinsville, GA. 30677	11-23-2010

Assistant Attorney General Report:

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Joseph Stock, HADS000114 - Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed public Board Order consisting of a public reprimand and monetary fine. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Williams seconded and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

Mr. Jackson gave an update on the pending complaint/investigation cases. The following recommendations were presented to the Board.

Cases to be closed:

- HA090003, HA090006, HA100001, HA100003, HA100010 and HA110002,

Cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- HA110003

Ms. Williams moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to accept Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bray moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jeffrey Fargason, Chair
Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid
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Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: 03-08-2011